

HOUSE RESOLUTION 93

By Farmer

A RESOLUTION to congratulate David Edward Smallman and Norma Jean Rich-Smallman on the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, we take great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on February 20, 1971, David Edward Smallman and Norma Jean Rich were joined in holy matrimony at Beaver Creek Church in Strawberry Plains, and since that fateful day, this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Smallman have been highly respected citizens of their community since 1970, when they purchased the Smallman family farm; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, David Smallman served in fire and air rescue in the Army National Guard from 1964 to 1970 and was a salesman at Jefferson Farmers Co-op and Carmichael Tractor; Jean Rich-Smallman was a registered nurse for fifty years at Morristown-Hamblen and Jefferson Memorial hospitals, specializing in labor and delivery, surgery, and radiology; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's praiseworthy marriage has produced three children, Brian (Sara) Smallman, Jaime (Jon) Horner, and Daniel Smallman; and

WHEREAS, the Smallmans are also the proud grandparents of Rheanna Smallman, Erin (Daniel) Smallman, Katie Horner, Caroline (Jaime) Horner, David Smallman, and Elizabeth (Brian) Smallman; and

WHEREAS, in addition to spending time with their grandchildren and other family members, the Smallmans partake in various hobbies; David enjoys farming and restoring and

showing antique International Harvester and Farm-all tractors, and Jean enjoys camping, reading, antique shopping, attending tractor shows, watching movies, crafting, and sewing; and

WHEREAS, for fifty years, this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Smallmans' are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate David Edward Smallman and Norma Jean Rich-Smallman on the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.